

The Forbes Road School Board met in an administrative committee meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 7:04 pm in the High School Auditorium. Members of the Board present were Brian Barton, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall, Kirby Shoemaker and Stacey Wyles. Board members absent were Kathy Baker, Margaret Bolinger and Cassie Broadwater. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Chris Seymore, Randy Gelvin, Heidi O'Neal, Amanda Brown, Beth Locke, Alan Shives, Lisa Skiles, Katherine Hollibaugh, James Lupey and members of the community.

During the public comment portion of the evening, Lisa Skiles spoke on the reporting of COVID cases in the district and questioned if the automotive technology course would be a requirement for 9th-grade students. James Lupey addressed the Board concerning the mask mandate, Superintendent contract and the Elementary Principal position. Katherine Hollibaugh spoke on the mask mandate.

The following action was taken at the meeting.

On a Fraker/Hall motion, the application for American Rescue Plan Grant was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Fraker motion, approval was given for the Threat Assessment Team as listed: Team Coordinator- Tim Cummings, Brian Barton, Maria Scott-Bollman, Randy Gelvin, Courtney Hykes, Laurel Keegan and Brandi Robertson. Motion carried on a roll call vote with members voting as follows Fraker (yes), Hall (yes), Kendall (yes), Shoemaker (yes), Wyles (yes), Barton (abstained).

On a Hall/Fraker motion, approval was given to hire Elizabeth Fleming for the high school aide position at a rate of \$10.05 per hour with single benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Hall motion, approval was given to add Patricia McQuade to the substitute nurse list pending necessary clearances. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Barton motion, approval was given for the purchase of hand tools and supplies for the automotive technology program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Hall motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 10:32 PM.

The Forbes Road School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:02 pm outside the elementary entrance. Members of the Board present were Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall, Kirby Shoemaker and Stacey Wyles. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Chris Seymore, Randy Gelvin, Heidi O'Neal, Beth Locke, Kristie Hohman, Amanda Brown, James Lupey, Dr. Merrill Arnold, Mary Wright, Ashley Ramsey, Matthew Bender, Lindsay Clatterbuck, Becca Grandi and members of the community.

General Information

On a Baker/Fraker motion, the July 27, 2021, and August 2, 2021, minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Hall motion, approval was given for the August treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, the September bills totaling \$290,270.82 were approved as presented.

On a Fraker/Broadwater motion, approval was given to add agenda item Miscellaneous 7 to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Dr. Scott-Bollman began the FCCCT update by expressing concerns shared by both Southern Fulton and Forbes Road Administration and School Boards about the high cost per student to operate the current FCCCT. She stated new ways to structure the program that would be more reasonable are being investigated. The Superintendent then informed the Board of the MOU between FCCCT and Hagerstown Community College where students could earn an associate degree. Dr. Scott-Bollman noted the associates degree would not count as credits toward obtaining a bachelor's degree.

Facilities Manager Chris Seymore began by thanking the maintenance/custodial staff for helping to keep the building open by the daily cleaning and sanitizing. He went on to update the board on the greenhouse and elementary roof projects. Mr. Seymore finished by stating both the automotive technology and welding programs were going well.

Pandemic Coordinator Beth Locke recapped the County COVID-19 data for 8/30/2021-9/5/2021, stating there are 94 total cases: 60 probable and 34 confirmed. District-wide there are five positive elementary students, one staff and one student confirmed positive in the high school.

Technology Director Amanda Brown reported on getting Chromebooks ready for elementary students to use a scan sign-in system. She went on to thank Dr. Scott-Bollman for approving Imagine Learning software for students in Red Birds through third grade. Ms. Brown stated both teachers and students love the Math enhancement program. The Technology Director then informed the board that the district's current phone contract will end in January 2022 and of possibilities for cost savings with other carriers.

The Athletic/Cafeteria reports were given by Athletic Director Heidi O'Neal. Ms. O'Neal stated varsity soccer and field hockey both open this week. She went on to say Forbes Road students are participating in junior high soccer, golf and football.

Ms. O'Neal reported the cafeteria is running great, with 1,802 breakfasts and 1,924 lunches being served in the month of August for a total reimbursement of \$13,193.85.

High School Principal Randy Gelvin began his high school update by thanking the team for getting the school year off to a good start. He then reported current high school and FCCCT enrollment numbers as follows: high school enrollment 138 students, with 20 online students (12 full time and 8 part-time). A total of 24 Forbes Road students are enrolled in the FCCCT program. The breakdown for the FCCCT programs are one student in veterinary assistant, four in allied health, one in construction trade, three in drafting, four in automotive technology, nine in welding, two in culinary arts. The principal concluded his report by saying, at the time of the meeting, 29 high school students have submitted signed, notarized affidavits to be exempt from wearing masks.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman reported the recent DOH mask mandate did not disrupt the elementary student's day. She followed up by saying that students wore masks except for those who had signed notarized affidavits for medical exemptions. She thanked the parents present for their help in preventing the stressful environment that some schools had experienced.

The Superintendent moved on to the district update, beginning by reviewing a recent occurrence where a stranger was seen on campus before students arrived. The individual was behaving in what witnesses described as "irrational." She stated SPO Timothy Cummings contacted the Pennsylvania State Police and the situation was handled without further incident. The police were able to identify the individual and ascertain that he did not appear to be taking any action against the school or anyone at the school. The individual is being sent a "Do Not Trespass" order for the Forbes Road campus.

Dr. Scott-Bollman briefly discussed the possibility of Broadband internet expanding to Fulton County. The update then turned toward the DOH's mask mandate with the Superintendent giving the following statistics: 27.63 percent of students submitted signed, notarized affidavits and were exempt from wearing masks., 73-74 percent of students wore masks, very few students chose the online option and 15 percent of students were absent possibly due to parents still undecided on what option to choose concerning the mandate. Dr. Scott-Bollman expressed gratitude to families, students and the team for the day running smoothly without unpleasant confrontation. She compared the current situation to a "political battleground" where public schools, families and children have been put in the middle. The Superintendent expressed to the attendees that as a Commissioned Officer of the State of Pennsylvania she and the district must comply with and enforce the mask mandate that went into effect on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, by the Department of Health. She then played excerpts from a recent Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Superintendent briefing on the mask mandate. The PASA excerpts addressed the requirements of Superintendents, School Officials and Teachers to comply with and enforce the mask mandate. Dr. Scott-Bollman empathized saying "I know this has been tough", stating she sees that families are frustrated and exhausted, the staff are frustrated and exhausted and members of the board are frustrated and exhausted. She encouraged everyone to

treat each other with kindness and communicate with each other saying, "the only way we will get through this is together".

The following community members spoke during the public comment portion of the evening: James Lupey addressed the mask mandate, stated he was thankful for the medical exemption affidavit and expressed concerns about installing outdoor cameras. Dr. Merrill Arnold focused on the validity of threats from the government and the sanctions for failure to follow a direct order. Mary Wright inquired about safety procedures when buses are arriving with students. Ashley Ramsey stated that he sent an email to the whole board and only received one response. Some board members offered that they had not received emails. Matthew Bender spoke about government mandates, masks and quarantining procedures. Lindsay Clatterbuck thanked the board, spoke about understanding each other's perspectives and working as a team. Becca Grandi thanked the board and teachers, and expressed that she, her husband and children love Forbes Road and that they are happy to have their children attend the district. She stressed the need to work together as a team. Amanda Brown thanked the board, administration and parents, stating that she understands these are not easy decisions for anyone.

FINANCIAL

On a Baker/Fraker motion, approval was given to pay the soccer clock/scoreboard timekeeper \$25 per game for jr. high and varsity games. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Hall/Fraker motion, approval was given to rent uniforms for the custodial/maintenance staff from UniFirst uniform service. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a Baker/Fraker motion, approval was given for the Emergency Instructional Time Template 520.1 for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Bolinger motion, approval was given for Kathy Kendall to use the Forbes Road Soccer Fields and Elementary gym to allow children ages birth thru 15 years to participate in the Elks Local Soccer Shoot. All dates and times will be arranged with the Athletic Director. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for FRYSBLL to use the old high school classrooms and hallway for indoor practice when the weather doesn't allow outside practice from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm during the spring softball season. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Kendall motion, approval was given to elect **Sabrina Backer** as PSBA President and **Allison Mathis** as PSBA Vice President, and to elect **Edward Brown** as East Zone Representative and **Richard Frerichs, William LaCoff** and **Nathan Mains** for PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/ Baker motion, approval was given to elect Stacey Wyles to serve as the alternate from the Forbes Road Board of Directors on the FCCCT board. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Baker motion, approval was given to purchase cameras for the outer perimeter of the district's buildings at the cost of approximately \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, the following agenda items were approved: (P1) n to accept the resignation of high school science teacher Kayla Bruening on a date to be determined. (P2) to accept the resignation of Mina Wilt as the jr. high girls' basketball head coach effective immediately. Motions carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Baker motion, approval was given to add Kara Truax and Kaili Hockensmith as volunteer field hockey coaches. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Broadwater motion, approval was given to change Kari Barton's pay to be divided equally throughout the year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given to assign Jeremy Hollinshead as a mentor for Alan Shives. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Barton motion, approval was given for the following drivers to be added as substitute drivers for House Busing: Amanda Brown, Rhonda Weaver, Melanie Schoen, Adam Sipes and Sydney Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Fraker motion, approval was given to update the following policies as recommended by PSBA:

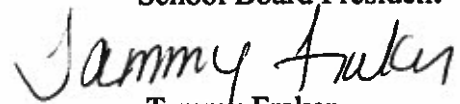
- a. Policy 006 Vol IV 2021 Meetings
- b. Policy 146.1 Vol III 2021 Trauma-Informed Approach
- c. Policy 150 Comparability of Services
- d. Policy 218.1 Vol III 2021 Weapons
- e. Policy 218.2 Vol III 2021 Terroristic Threats
- f. Policy 236.1 Vol III 2021 Threat Assessment
- g. Policy 246 School Wellness
- h. Policy 247 Vol III Hazing
- i. Policy 249 Vol III 2021 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- j. Policy 252 Vol III 2021 Dating Violence
- k. Policy 805 Vol III 2021 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- l. Policy 805.2 Vol III 2021 School Security Personnel
- m. Policy 903 Vol IV 2021 Public Participation in Board Meetings

Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Barton motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Kirby Shoemaker
School Board President



Tammy Fraker
School Board Secretary